

In this issue we give the annual report of the County Commissioners and with it the annual statement of the County Auditor. It is with some delight that we speak of this matter, for it is the first time the County Commissioners have favored us, it is an improvement to place this important exhibit in a medium where the tax payers will see it, and more than this it gives our dear friend Crawford, who needs to shed a few tears of ease, his burdened heart.

The loss of this report was the result that caused him to bellow through a column and a half of tears, abuse and misrepresentation last week in the peroration of which he called upon the Republicans of Marion County to elect him, to march, like an armed phalanx as it were, against a court house ring in Marion County, a ring—so-called—whose only offense was placing well paid legislators where they are more likely to be read. We rejoice, Crawford must have been relieved by the flood of tears, and those tears amused many spectators, so the Commissioners have made a happy hit.

Many of our neighboring exchanges are chuckling to the effect that the extension of their corporate limits so much as Marion proposes to extend here would give them populations as big as beyond us. These imaginary and jealous writers are hereby informed that the city of Marion has 700 souls without the "farm acres" to be taken in and we have fifty per cent the best land in Ohio of that size.

Major McKinney, favors an extra session of Congress, and as he will be the probable speaker of it, his ideas of what ought to be done are worth noting. He wants the rules changed so that no one man can hinder legislation. He wants the extended act on cases decided as soon as possible. He wants the new States admitted, and he wants the tariff question settled, since a evidently must be.

The Auditor's statement in this issue shows, among other things, that the building fund is swelling to considerable proportions and the time will not be long until the new 10 room addition can be begun. Though voted down it is thought that the addition is essential and of course it will come.

Prospect

The river is rapidly rising and it is not many more days' work will have a freshet at this place. In January 1888 the river was the highest at this place it had been known for years. Being within a few feet of turning the iron bridge. The freshet caused much damage, destroying fences and other portable property besides the inconvenience of several families. Being to move their household effects.

Protracted meetings are being held in the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The services are conducted by the pastors of the respective churches. Some interest is being manifested in the success of the meetings by the outside public.

There are more about the stolen postage stamps which were taken during the removal of the postoffice. Don't know whether they have been recovered or not. This was an extremely mysterious case to say the least.

There will be given a representation of the popular comedy entitled "The Little Brown Dog" on Friday evening, Jan 18th at Opera House for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias lodge. The company consists of the best of our local talent and we are certain to entertain the audience in a glowing manner.

W. C. Worthing has been traveling in the southern part of the State selling windmills. He manufactures them at Prospect and reports good success.

All the hunters of this vicinity engaged on a fox hunt Monday and the day was full of the howling of dogs and the howling of men. It is likely that the fox which was a large red one.

A debating club was organized at the college, second school in the east of town last Friday night.

Three of our friends are visiting relatives in this locality.

Miss C. Worthing of Delaware was visiting friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss A. Gast of Delaware spent last Sunday the guests of our father. G. V. Gast of this place.

The owner of the new building on the corner of the town square is erecting a new building on the corner of the town square.

M. H. Worthing expects to start farming in the spring. He expects to change in the country business.

Roller skating at the Opera House was not very large attended last Saturday evening.

The Public School after two weeks vacation are again processing in the school building. The school is now open for the first time.

Black Diamond Notes. Subscribers to the Black Diamond can get their conditional notes by calling at the Marion County Bank tomorrow (Friday). By order of committee.

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County Auditor's Annual Exhibit

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Receipts and Expenditures

Of Marion County, Ohio, for the Fiscal Year, Ending August 31st, 1888.

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